

Milford, Jan. 10, '79.

My Dear Friend:-

I am not forgetful of your very acceptable present of George Thompson's excellent Photograph. He assured, I esteem it a satisfaction to place this reminder of our conflict in past days, with the "crime of crimes" against humanity, constantly in view. I am sure you will agree with me, that another hour of need has arrived, in which the "Old Guard" should step to the front. Oh, how the heart sickens to read the atrocities committed at the South, toward our brethren still beneath the banner. How Satanic the preparation, is again become.



ing! What a multiplicity of matter is accumulating worthy of the "Refuge of Oppressed." I notice by a late Journal that you have published an article or letter, with words for the hour. In what paper? Can you send me a copy?

I enclose a report of the Lyceum Meeting, held in old Concord. I do this because I notice in the same paragraph in reference to yourself and Phillips, which is not in the "Journal" report. You will notice the reiteration of the stale and false charge that because you made an attack on the church, &c. Well, let the winners of that day take all the comfort they may. Austerity will somewhere, one day, be entirely disbursed.



I was at that time, located in  
Barbisle, five miles from Ben-  
cord, and know well what  
it cost to rebuke the miserable  
pro-slavery spirit rampant  
in Middlesex County. In 1837,  
I was elected - rather singular it  
was - to the General Court.  
Gov. Everett was in the Chair,  
and recommended in his tri-  
ennial Message, that "Abolitionists  
should be indicted at common  
law as disturbers of the peace".

Queto! What a change. In 1869,  
I was elected Representative to  
from Milford, and found two  
colored members as valuable  
coadjutors? God reigns - let  
the earth rejoice.

On the 13th of next March, if  
"this side river", I shall attain  
the age of 70 - then comes the



epoch of humanity, living "in  
borrowed time". I propose to have  
a simple and informal gather-  
ing ~~of~~ my friends. And as the  
best service that I can render  
to Milford, I want a reunion  
of the Abolitionists present - and  
a meeting for the hour in the  
evening at the <sup>own</sup> Town Hall. May  
I flatter myself that you, all  
things making it possible, will  
be present - Day and evening.

Disappointment hangs around  
all things mundane - Still, I am  
desirous of an attempt to bring to-  
gether even a small group  
of the remnant left in the great  
warfare of "Liberty, Holiness and  
Love".

Yours fraternally,

Geo. W. Stacy.